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SUBJECT: 61ST ECOSOC-DECLARATION OF ABIDJAN

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1. WE GREATLY APPRECIATE PROMPT, HELPFUL GUIDANCE.
LATE EVENING OF JULY 8 THE CONTACT GROUP FINISHED
DRAFTING THE DECLARATION TEXT IN PARA TWO BELOW. IT
IS SIGNIFICANTLY IMPROVED AND MEETS US POSITION.
WE, ALONG WITH ALL WESTERN DELEGATIONS, WILL JOIN IN
CONSENSUS APPROVAL BY CONFERENCE MORNING OF JULY 9.
WILL PROVIDE COMMENTS ON THE NEGOTIATION BY SEPTTEL.
NO DELEGATION INTENDS TO STATE ANY RESERVATION OR
INTERPRETATION PURSUANT TO UNDERSTANDING REACHED IN
CONTACT GROUP. THIS IS DUE TO FRAGILITY OF CONSENSUS.

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2. FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT SUBJECT TO CHECKING WHEN SECRETARIAT CIRCULATES CLEAN VERSION.

BEGIN TEXT

DECLARATION OF ABIDJAN

THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL,

1. MEETING FOR THE FIRST TIME IN AFRICA FROM 30 JUNE TO 9 JULY 1976, AT THE INVITATION OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE IVORY COAST,

2. WELCOMES THE IMPORTANT STATEMENT OF HIS EXCELLENCY THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE IVORY COAST BEFORE THE COUNCIL AT ITS OPENING MEETING IN WHICH HE ELOQUENTLY ANALYSED PROBLEMS OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES IN GENERAL AND THOSE OF AFRICA IN PARTICULAR,

3. MINDFUL OF THE FUNDAMENTAL PURPOSES OF THE UNITED NATIONS, AS LAID DOWN IN THE UNITED NATIONS CHARTER, IN PARTICULAR THE MAINTENANCE OF INTERNATIONAL PEACE AND SECURITY THROUGH, INTER ALIA, EFFECTIVE COLLECTIVE MEASURES FOR THE PREVENTION AND REMOVAL OF THREATS TO PEACE AND FOR THE SUPPRESSION OF ACTS OF AGGRESSION OR OTHER BREACHES OF THE PEACE, THE DEVELOPMENT OF FRIENDLY RELATIONS AMONG NATIONS BASED ON THE RESPECT FOR THE PRINCIPLE OF EQUAL RIGHTS AND SELF-DETERMINATION OF PEOPLES AND THE ACHIEVEMENT OF INTERNATIONAL CO-OPERATION IN SOLVING INTERNATIONAL PROBLEMS OF AN ECONOMIC, SOCIAL, CULTURAL OR HUMANITARIAN CHARACTER;

4. WELCOMES THE EMERGENCE TO INDEPENDENCE OF STATES, THE MAJORITY OF WHICH ARE IN AFRICA, AS A RESULT OF THEIR STRUGGLE FOR SELF-DETERMINATION AND NATIONAL LIBERATION;

5. CALLS FOR THE SPEEDY ELIMINATION OF ALL FORMS OF COLONIALISM, NEO-COLONIALISM, FOREIGN AGGRESSION AND OCCUPATION, ALIEN DOMINATION, RACIAL DISCRIMINATION AND APARTHEID FROM THE AFRICAN CONTINENT AND FROM WHEREVER THEY EXIST AND AFFIRMS THAT THIS SHOULD CONTINUE TO RECEIVE VERY HIGH
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PRIORITY AMONG THE MAJOR PREOCCUPATIONS OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY;

6. DETERMINES THAT THERE IS THE IMPERATIVE NEED TO ELIMINATE INJUSTICE AND INEQUALITY WHICH AFFLICT VAST SECTIONS OF HUMANITY AND THE NEED TO ACCELERATE THE DEVELOPMENT OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES;

7. URGES ALL COUNTRIES AND INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS TO GIVE ADDED IMPETUS TO THE EFFORTS OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY TOWARDS THE ACHIEVEMENT OF THE GOALS, TARGETS AND OBJECTIVES OF DEVELOPMENT OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES THROUGH INDIVIDUAL OR COLLECTIVE ACTION TAKING FULLY INTO ACCOUNT THE DECLARATION AND THE PROGRAMME OF ACTION ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER (GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 3201(S-VI) AND 3202(S-VI) AS WELL AS THE CHARTER ON THE ECONOMIC RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF STATES (GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 3281(XXIV)), AND RESOLUTION 2626(XXV) ON THE INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY AND 3362(S-VII) ON DEVELOPMENT AND INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC CO-OPERATION;

8. FURTHER URGES ALL COUNTRIES AND INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS TO PURSUE WITH THE MAXIMUM SENSE OF URGENCY, THE IMPLEMENTATION OF AGREEMENTS REACHED WITHIN THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM, INCLUDING AT UNCTAD IV AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES AND FORA, THE SEARCH FOR FURTHER AGREEMENTS AND THE WIDENING OF THE EXISTING ONES WHERE APPROPRIATE, BEARING IN MIND THE NEED TO CONDUCT THE NEGOTIATIONS AND WHERE A AGREED, PREPARATORY MEETINGS FOR THIS PURPOSE, SO AS TO PROVIDE CONCRETE SOLUTIONS TO THE PROBLEMS OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES;

9. REAFFIRMS THE NEED TO IMPLEMENT SPECIAL MEASURES OR SPECIFIC ACTION ADOPTED IN FAVOR OF THE MOST SERIOUSLY AFFECTED, LEAST DEVELOPED, LAND-LOCKED, AND ISLAND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES;

10. EXPRESSES ITS CONCERN OVER THE CRITICAL NATURE OF THE UNCLASSIFIED

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PROBLEM OF DEVELOPMENT IN AFRICA, REFLECTED BY THE LARGE NUMBER OF AFRICAN COUNTRIES IDENTIFIED AS LEAST DEVELOPED OR COUNTRIES MOST SERIOUSLY AFFECTED, AND URGES DEVELOPED COUNTRIES AND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES WHICH ARE IN A POSITION TO DO SO AND THE APPROPRIATE ORGANS OF THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM TO INCREASE ASSISTANCE TO THESE COUNTRIES?

11. AFFIRMS THE NEED TO INCREASE SUBSTANTIALLY THE LEVEL OF FOOD PRODUCTION IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, PARTICULARLY THOSE IN AFRICA AND TO EXTEND ADEQUATE ASSISTANCE TO THEM FOR THIS PURPOSE;

12. URGES ALL NATIONS TO DISPLAY THE NECESSARY POLITICAL WILL AND PLACE ADEQUATE RESOURCES AT THE DISPOSAL OF THE UNITED NATIONS IN ORDER TO ENABLE IT TO FULFILL ITS ROLE IN THE

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL FIELDS;

THE COUNCIL FINALLY DECLARES THAT;

13. THE OBJECTIVE OF ELIMINATING INJUSTICE AND INEQUALITY
AND ACHIEVING INTERNATIONAL CO-OPERATION FOR THE PROMOTION
OF ECONOMIC PROGRESS AND BETTER STANDARDS OF LIFE AS WELL
AS SOCIAL ADVANCEMENT AND THE ENCOURAGEMENT OF RESPECT FOR
HUMAN RIGHTS AND FOR FUNDAMENTAL FREEDOMS FOR ALL
WITHOUT DISTINCTION HAS YET TO BE ACHIEVED IN LARGE AREAS
OF THE WORLD ; AND TO THIS END DECLARES ITS ADHERENCE TO
THE PRINCIPLES OF NATIONAL INDEPENDENCE, SOVEREIGNTY,
AND SELF-RELIANCE AND ITS FAITH IN CO-OPERATION, DIALOGUE AND
NEGOTIATION BETWEEN DEVELOPED AND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES BASED
ON A REAL POLITICAL WILL TO PROMOTE AN EQUITABLE AND JUST
SYSTEM OF INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC RELATIONS IN
CONFORMITY WITH THE PRINCIPLES OF THE UNITED NATIONS CHARTER.
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